

Evaluating the Ecological Risk of Energy Sector Development on Burrowing Owls in Native Prairie Habitat – Year 2



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Setback distances around burrowing owl nests are based on the precautionary principle for managing endangered species and have likely been effective at limiting intensive petroleum activities near some burrowing owl nests. Discussions about the validity of setback distances stemming from the attached report should consider using an adaptive management experiment approach.

Policy Issue

Biodiversity; species conservation; migratory birds

Knowledge gap

Defining zones of influence and resultant setback distances.

Report

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